

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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CONTROL OF POLLUTION AT OIL FIELDS AND INSTALLATION

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether team of Pollution Control Board of Assam has issued a host of directions to the ONGC and Oil India Ltd. after their recent visit to various oil fields of ONGC at Lakwa and Geletia, for control of pollution at the oil fields and installations;

(b) if so, the observation made and directions issued by the Assam PCB team; and

(c) the steps taken for inventorisation of oil sludge lying in the oil fields and installations, and the cost involved in these operations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.

The observations made and directions issued by Assam Pollution Control Board (APCB) team are as under: -

1. Complete inventorisation of oil sludge in various pits need to be done.
2. Recovery of oil from pits to be carried out.
3. Display boards to be installed at the waste pit site and fencing of pit to be done.
4. Bioremediation to be completed/done once again where it is not completely successful.
5. Medical camps for villagers to be organized by Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited(ONGC) every six months.
6. Acoustic enclosures to be provided in DG sets, compressors for noise reduction to permissible limits, wherever noise is higher than the limits.
7. Used oil disposal to be carried out through registered recycler.

(c) Inventorisation of oil sludge is done on a regular basis alongwith other operations carried out by National Oil Companies (NOCs). Cost incurred in inventorisation is included in operational cost of NOCs as it is being done in-house.